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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR. It has been a full week since the previous DXLD. As often seems to happen this time of year, we're running out of steam and much need a break from the DXLD/WOR grind, so don't be surprised if there are more such gaps --- however, letting stuff pile up and then trying to do it justice catching up is just as time-consuming if not more so. We have now compiled enough material almost for two issues, but it would be more than that if we were combing all our usual sources. Rather than holding over half of this issue based on timeliness or some other factor, it's in two parts, all in alfa order, the first part A-M called 7-045 and the second part N-Z and the non-country items 7-046, issued in quick succession (gh)

** AFGHANISTAN [non]. R. Solh, off the back via Rampisham, 17700 sometimes holds up past 1700, as noted April 11, scheduled until 1800, but April 13 after listening to its wonderful music for the better part of an hour (not including the Solh Theme which I thought might show up at other times reliably), went off the air abruptly at 1559* and was still off at 1608 when I gave up waiting for it to return. I wonder if they have decided to move to a lower frequency for the final two hours each evening.

R. Solh, via Rampisham UK, 17700, Sat April 14 at 1458 still playing `the theme` at a time when it would have to be faded out only two minutes later for ID and switch to other music. Unlike the day before, the transmission did not go off at 1559 but continued past 1600 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALASKA. So far no luck by monitoring in nailing down which frequencies KNLS is actually using for English at 1200-1300 UT. I emailed them several days ago about the contradictory schedules on their website, but no reply and no fix, just rechecked at 2317 UT April 13. At 1200 is it on 7355 and 9780 or 7355 and 9920?

April 9 just tuned in at 1259 and all I could be sure of was that 7355 was not $\left/\right/$ 9920; no IDs heard.

April 10 at 1239 on 9920 heard some hymns and talk, not in English but something like Thai, so FEBC Manila as also scheduled here? Nothing audible on 7355. At 1243 could not make out anything intelligible on 9780.

April 13 at 1218, 9920 in a Vietnamese-like language, so FEBC? 9780 had the Chinese echo jamming tactic, against what? There may well have been another station or two underneath. Nothing audible on 7355 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

http://www.covchurch.org/cov/news/item5513

ANCHORAGE, AK (April 12, 2007) ñ The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has renewed KICY-AM 850ís license through the year 2014, despite a series of problems that have plagued the station in recent years.

The licensure also enables the station to operate at 50,000 watts - a far greater power than previously \tilde{n} and without worry of being hampered by the signals of other stations.

A fire that destroyed a transmitter building and the precarious footing of two towers in line to be replaced had placed the full licensure in doubt. General Manager Dennis Weidler says he is pleased by the FCC decision.

iThis granting of the license for 50,000 watts for 24 hours a day is a major blessing, and it can only be through God's intervention,î Weidler says. iGovernment bureaucracy doesn't normally function this way.

iWe petitioned the FCC for this license three years ago when the station at 840 kHz in Anchorage went off the air,î Weidler says. iOur previous license was for 50,000 watts daytime, 10,000 nighttime (to protect 840 kHz) and 50,000 directional from 11 PM to 4 AM for our Russian broadcasts.î

The station currently operates on a Special Temporary Authority granted by the FCC following the fire, Weidler says. iThis has allowed us to remain on at half power - 25,000 kilowatts - in a non-directional mode since August of 2005.î

With the FCC ruling, the station will not have to reduce power at sunset and will not have to worry about interference by other stations. iEveryone on 850 khz between Nome and Denver must protect us from interference,î Weidler says. iSpecifically, they must either go off the air at sunset, reduce power at sunset or go to a directional pattern at sunset.

iThe Covenant Church now has a Clear-Channel, 50,000-watt radio station like WABC, WLS or KOA, and no AM radio station in America has more power or greater protection,î Weidler says.

Crews will work through the summer to replace two towers that had to be taken down because they were in danger of falling. iWe will begin driving pilings to bedrock this week,î Weidler says. iThe towers will be painted by a work team from Tucson on June 10. A team from Towers for Jesus, a ministry that helps Christian broadcasters, will begin erecting the freshly painted towers on June 15.

A new tuning house also will be constructed. iWe have work teams of varying sizes arriving in Nome as early as May 24 to begin building the new 16-by-32-foot tuning house,î Weidler says. iTwo teams from Kalamazoo are coming up to install the tuning cabinets at the base of each of the three towers and repair the ground radial system.î Other teams are coming from Alaska, Florida, Kansas, and California.

Weidler says he hopes construction and testing of the signal will enable the station to operate at full capacity sometime after September (via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

** ALBANIA. Radio Tirana and TWR back on air via transmitter nr. 1-Shijak r/station

Njoftim: Transmetuesi Nr. 1 me vale te shkurtra i r/stacionit Shijak u riparua sot me date 14 Prill, ora 1830 me oren e Shqiperise. Te gjitha transmetimet e Radio Tiranes dhe TWR me kete transmetues rifillojne normalisht.

Notification: HF Transmitter nr.1 in Shijak Radiostation was repaired today, April 14, at 1630UTC. All broadcasts of Radio Tirana and TWR via this transmitter are back on the air from now (Drita «iÁo, ARTV-Head of Monitoring Center, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See EGYPT

Transmitter #1 final power output is less than 90 kW and tx#2 little more than 90 kW, despite the nominal power limit of the Chinese-made units are in the range of about 125 to 130 kW.

I understand that no antenna switching matrix has been installed at Shijak site, so there are in fact two independent antenna farms for either transmitter. If - now at present - the tx#1 for 7465 kHz has a failure, it's NOT possible to switch the 6035 kHz tx#2-unit to 7465 kHz channel + to 310 degrees directional antenna. - and vice versa.

7465 Tx #1 does only fit 7-9 MHz, 41/31 mb.
6035 Tx #2 does fit on 6 MHz non-directional ant. #S1 antenna

6035 kHz tx#2 unit is fed in a non-directional vertical bow-net antenna type, which is less effective against a dipole curtain of 12 to 19 dB gain towards 310 degrees. (Wolfgang B_schel, Apr 13, ibid.)

Thanks very much for the information. Because there is no antenna switching matrix at Shijak, that certainly is making the situation very complicated when arranging the schedule. It is an example of lack of budget for the antenna construction which has lasting consequences. (Alan Holder, UK, wwdxc BC-DX Apr 13 via DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. Mi amigazo Gabriel Iv·n Barrera, me informa que RAE tiene actualmente sus transmisores Harris y GE fuera del aire, correspondientes ellos a las frecuencias de 9690, 11710 y 15345 kHz. 73 (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, 0849 UT April 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

RAE shortwave off the air. Today I have the official information that the Harris & GE transmitters are off the air on 9690, 11710 & 15345 kHz (Gabriel $Iv \cdot n$ Barrera, Argentina, wwdxc BC-DX Apr 12 via DXLD)

Bien colegas, eso suena a mantenimiento total. Ya me extraòaba a mì que tengo por costumbre hacer un repaso de las seòales procedentes del sur hacia las 2230, una vez que REE deja los 15345 y me decla yo mismo que no podlan estar tan malas las condiciones que ni siquiera un hilo percibla de RAE, y esto desde ya hace m·s de una semana, lo que me moviû a asumir que hablan dado feriado al personal por Semana Santa.

Mientras el feeder en 15820 LSB bien que mal estaba presente, como siempre con f'tbol (igual que en Tiquicia: el pan nuestro de cada dÌa) ya sean comentarios o alg'n partido, indistintamente se trate de Radio Diez o Radio Continental. 73s. (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica April 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15345, RAE, 2252-2302, April 13 (Fri.), YL & OM in Spanish with their DX program, listing many frequencies and with information about a Paraguay station, begins & ends program with sound of morse code, followed by ID: "RAE, Buenos Aires", with the RAE schedule for Spanish and Italian programming. Fair-poor (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes Ron, they are back again after nearly ten days off the air. Even yesterday when I confirmed what Arnaldo Slaen posted here having word from Gabriel Iv·n Barrera that their GE and Harris transmitters were off. Maybe for maintenance, but the signal I got around 2230 this Friday 13 didn't show any improvement. 73s (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica, ibid.)

** ARGENTINA [and non]. Another check of the 15345 collision, Saturday April 14 starting a few minutes before 2200: REE with stupid ballgame in Spanish, and Morocco in Arabic were this time roughly 6 Hz apart, as indicated by SAH; at first did not hear audible het from RAE. Both ran well past 2200, but REE announcers wrapped up sports coverage just before timesignal, then news until transmitter went off at 2204:30*. This left Morocco still on and now audible with Qur`an, and growing wavering het from unstable RAE transmitter, until Morocco went off at 2207:30* leaving RAE alone (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARMENIA. A-07 for CVC The Voice Asia via ERV=Erevan:

English to South Asia 0400-0700 on 15515 ERV 100 kW / 125 deg 1300-1600 on 15615 ERV 100 kW / 125 deg (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, April 10 via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. 4910, Northern Territory SW Service, Tennant Creek, 1040-1104 Abril 07, Transmisiûn de Rugby o F'tbol? "ABC Radio sports" en horario extendido?? A las 1100 corte para Noticias "ABC News"; luego continuû la transmision deportiva (Rafael Rodrìguez R., escuchas realizadas durante el descanso de semana santa en el Municipio de Fomeque, Cundinamarca, 55 Km al oriente de Bogot·, Colombia, Sony ICF 2010, Grabadora Dig. Sony P320, Preamp MFJ-956, Antena Hilo Largo de 25 Metros, playdx yg via DXLD)

4910, ABC Northern Territories (Tennant Creek), 1229, 4/7/07. ABC Radio ID at 1230. News headlines by YL into country western music program. S9 signal at tune-in but weakened after 1230. Never heard before (Jerry Strawman, IA, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

4910, 1455≠1530+. ABC programming at tune in 1455 UT. Country music, chat through the top of hour. TC at 9 minutes past. ABC News at 1530. Fair but weakening past 1530 (Mick Delmage, AB, NASWA Flashsheet via WORLD OF RADIO 1354, DXLD)

Date? VL8T has been stuck on its 60m frequency lately, all night (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Fair reception of ABC (Australia) on 5025 kHz at 1803 UT on 8 April 2007 with ID mentioning "105.7 Darwin" and then cricket commentary between England and Australia (same as on BBC R4 on LW 198 kHz). Presume this is Katherine normally scheduled 2130-0830 (Tony Rogers, (Birmingham UK) - Eton E1 / LW, BDXC-UK via WORLD OF RADIO 1354, DXLD)

Another one stuck on 60 meters; coincidental? (gh, DXLD)

4910: It's 1100 UT and I'm listening to VL8T ABC Tennant Creek, loud and clear on 4910 kHz when they should be on 2325 kHz. I guess it is a transmission problem but it's nice to hear them so well. I always wonder why they change down to 2 MHz, along with their Katherine and Alice Springs clones. Surely 60 mb should work equally well day and night. It would make then easier to hear outside Australia and local listeners would not have to retune their radios twice a day! (Barry Hartley, NZ, wwdxc BC-DX Apr 7 via DXLD)

Google Earth imagery.

VL8T Tennant Creek 19 40 09.23 S 134 15 41.45 E VL8A Alice Springs 23 48 50.68 S 133 50 48.84 E [Roe Creek] VL8K Katherine 14 23 44.27 S 132 10 46.08 E (Wolfgang B schel, ibid.)

5025 Katherine / 4910 Tennant Creek / 4835 Alice Springs Apr 5 all fair in \\ at tune-in 2140 UT April 6, but rapid fade out and barely audible 2205. Long since I heard them on 60 mb (Finn Krone, Denmark, wwdxc BC-DX Apr 14 via DXLD)

It seems that the Katherine transmitter has some problems today April 8. It is still on 5025 kHz at 1015 UT with a football commentary, over-riding Radio Rebelbe, Cuba. I would be very happy if the ABC transmitters in the Northern Territory stayed on the 60 metre band for 24 hours, reception here would be some much better! (Barry Hartley, NZ, wwdxc BC-DX Apr 14 via DXLD) Earlier:

2485, VL8K, 1241-1305 Apr 5. Sports talk (Australian Rugby League), interview with team member; highlight reel at 1257; into a different program at 1300 with no fanfare. Good signal // 2310 (fair) and 2325 (good). The latter two frequencies lagged about 1 second behind 2485.

4910, VL8T 1238-1313 Apr 7. Country music songs, M&W hosting, continuing past 1300. Good signal // 2485 (good) and 2310 (fair); 2325, of course, was off. 2485, again, was nearly 1 second ahead of 4910 and 2310. Started deteriorating, finally, after 1330 (John Wilkins, CO, DXplorer Apr 7 via BCDX via DXLD)

VL8T, TENNANT CREEK, 4910. Today, 7 April, I heard VL8T from 1131 to 1300. WRTH says the Northern Territory Shortwave Service stations have been known to run beyond their scheduled times; 4910 is scheduled until 0830. This is the first time I've heard VL8T on this frequency. Football play-by-play at 1131; ABC news at 1230; VL8T IDs at 1235; "Saturday Night Country on ABC Local Radio`` at 1238. Still on at 1300. This was fairly strong --- strong enough to be mostly readable over a strong 4910 spur from classical music KXTR 1660 which is located in Fairway, Kansas, about 5 miles from my home (Wendel Craighead, KS, DXplorer Apr 8 via BCDX via DXLD)

4835 kHz, VL8A, Alice Springs NT, 0801-fade/out 0825, 10 Apr, English, music; 15331.

4910 kHz VL8T, Tennant Creek NT, 0711-0830*, 10 Apr, English, talks, pops, news 0730, music; 25331 (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST) So back to normal by then (gh)

4835, ABC-Alice Springs, 0805-0835* April 15, Live sports commentary. Talk about World Cup. Abrupt sign off. // 4910-Tennant Creek-signing off at 0830. Both frequencies weak (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. Radio Australia DRM 5995 kHz --- If anyone has noticed DRM on 5995 recently:

Radio Australia has been noted here using DRM mode on 5995 kHz from 1200 to 1400 for the past week. Transmission is using 23.4k bit rate audio which is undecodable here due to interference on 5990 & 6000. Posts on the DRM forum indicate similar results in NA. Site presumed to be Brandon. Unknown if this is a test or start of a regular DRM schedule (Chris Mackerell, Wellington, NZ, http://www.owdjim.gen.nz HCDX via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. ABC Radio National's Late Night Live featured a 2005y interview with the late Kurt Vonnegut, as heard part of it on RA 9580, April 13 until 1241. As usual excellent material on this show; audio: http://www.abc.net.au/rn/latenightlive/stories/2007/1896960.htm One thing bothers me about all the tributes to Vonnegut: `The Sirens of Titan` is hardly ever mentioned, but that was the first book by him I read, so always thought of him as an SF author who also wrote other stuff (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, I agree with you that RN's "Late Night Live" is an excellent program; always required listening in this household. RN is a jewel amidst a sea of mediocrity on our local media scene, but unfortunately has a rather modest listener base. Take the ABC and SBS (a publicly funded multicultural broadcaster) out of the equation, and there would be nothing remaining here worth bothering with.

The political and social views of LNL host Phillip Adams are among the many things at the ABC that get under the skin of our current conservative government, which perceives the broadcaster to be hotbed of lefties, and accordingly starves it of funding and openly stacks its board with sympathisers to the conservative agenda.

Oddly, Adams also writes a column in "The Australian" newspaper, our only national broadsheet, which is a right-wing shocker belonging to the Murdoch stable. A token dissenting voice, perhaps. Rgds, (Craig Seager, Australia, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. A-07 for CVC International via DRW=Darwin: Chinese to China
2200-0200 on 15170 DRW 250 kW / 340 deg
0400-1000 on 17830 DRW 250 kW / 340 deg
1000-1500 on 13775 DRW 250 kW / 340 deg
1500-1800 on 11770 DRW 250 kW / 340 deg
English to South East Asia and Indonesia
0600-0900 on 15335 DRW 250 kW / 303 deg
0900-1100 on 11955 DRW 250 kW / 303 deg

1100-1800 on 13635 DRW 250 kW / 303 deg

Indonesian to Indonesia 2300-0200 on 15250 DRW 250 kW / 303 deg 0400-1000 on 17820 DRW 250 kW / 303 deg 1000-1300 on 9670 DRW 250 kW / 303 deg 1300-1700 on 6090 DRW 250 kW / 303 deg (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, April 10 via DXLD)

** AUSTRIA. A-07 for CVC International via MOS=Moosbrunn: English to West Europe in DRM mode 1000-1100 on 11815 MOS 035 kW / 295 deg (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, April 10 via DXLD)

** BELARUS. Re 7-043: ``6130.08, Belaruskaje Radyjo 1, spurious signal, 1315-1450, Apr 01, HS program // 6010, 6040, 6070, 6080, 6115 and 6190, Belarusian interview, folksongs, talk, 34444 with slight QRM from Xizang on 6130 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window April 4 via DXLD)

Also heard in Stuttgart at 1455, Apr 01. I guess it is a spurious signal of fundamental 6115 kHz outlet, and should be symmetrical also on the lower side at 6099.92 (Wolfgang Bueschel, ibid.) The spurious signal was not heard around 1400 on Apr 3 (Petersen, ibid.) ``

Always on the lookout for leapfrogs, I would say it was 6010 over 6070 at 60 kHz intervals, assuming both of those are fundamentals (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

- ** BOLIVIA. 4409.7, RADIO ECO. Reyes. 0025-0035 Abril 07. Anuncios de Cooperativa de ahorro Comunal Reyes Ltda, prestando servicios de Money Gram. ID "... desde la capital de la provincia Ballivi·n, Reyes, en el departamento de Beni, Rep blica de Bolivia, transmite Radio Eco, 4810 kHz [sic --- did they really say that?] banda alterna de 65 metros, onda corta..." menciona telèfono 38252148.
- 6155.3, RADIO FIDES. La Paz. 0213-0230 Abril 07. Tarde en la noche transmitiendo en // con los 9624.7 presentando m'sica y contactos telefûnicos por el tel. 2409191, anuncia transmisiûn en MW, SW, FM y Real Audio "...El saludo desde Fides de Bolivia..." (Rafael RodrÌguez R., escuchas realizadas durante el descanso de semana santa en el Municipio de Fomeque, Cundinamarca, 55 Km al oriente de Bogot·, Colombia, Sony ICF 2010, Grabadora Dig. Sony P320, Preamp MFJ-956, Antena Hilo Largo de 25 Metros, playdx yg via DXLD)
- ** BOLIVIA. 4545.48, Radio Virgen del Remedio (presumed), Tupiza, PotosÌ, 0050-0058*, Apr 13, Spanish, religious programme, relaying Radio CatÛlica Mundial, abrupt sign-off without of announcement, "Radio CatÛlica Mundial informa..", 24222 (Nicol·s Eramo, Argentina, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

- ** BOLIVIA. 5967.9, Radio Nacional de Huanuni, 1032-1036, April 06, Spanish, bulletin news, weather report, 24332
- 6037.5, Radiodifusora TrÛpico (presumed), Trinidad, 2240-2246, April 05, Spanish, religious talk by female, 24422 (Arnaldo Slaen, Chascom's DXpedition, Argentina, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- ** BULGARIA [non]. In one of the recent DXLD's a big clash on 7400 had been reported, in the 2000...2200 range, between WHRA and Bulgaria. I checked during the last two evenings, but both times I just had WHRA in the clear with no signs of other signals being co-channel, tonight running a programme "politics and religion", something I just can't imagine any religious broadcaster in Europe to run (Kai Ludwig, Germany, April 9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- ** BULGARIA. 9900, Radio Varna, 2057-2205+, April 15, Tune-in to Dionne Warwick music. 2100 time pips & National Anthem followed by news in presumed Bulgarian. 2107 Radio Varna ID. A variety of local pop music, light instrumental music, & classical music. Talk. 2201 ID. Fair to good. Sunday only (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Until 0300* UT Mondays (gh)
- ** CANADA. CRI in Chinese via Sackville, 15220, April 14 at 1443 was as usual very strong, but also very distorted and splattering plus/minus 10 during Chinese rap, so no great loss; OK at 1549 recheck (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- ** CANADA [and non!]. This notice was just sent to Raymond Pelletier of CHU:

Dear Mr Pelletier: I wonder if you are aware that US SW broadcast station WHRI in South Carolina has started using 7335?

This is from the FCC schedule file showing they started 1 April, for many, many hours per day; however, I just noticed them last night after 0600, when your beeps were barely audible underneath.

7335	0300 0600	WHRI	100	260	10	1234567	010407 281007
7335	0600 1100	WHRI	250	152	10-15	1234567	010407 281007
7335	1100 1400	WHRI	100	260	10	1234567	010407 281007
7335	2100 2200	WHRI	100	260	10	1234567	010407 281007
7335	2200 0300	WHRI	100	260	10	1234567	010407 281007

The same registrations are shown in HFCC. Why isn't CHU included in the HFCC registrations now? If it had been coordinated there, this might not have happened. WHR and FCC can claim they were unaware of your 24 hour broadcasts on this frequency.

However the WHR website shows they are really using 7335 only (so far) at 0600-1100 UT: http://www.whr.org/index.cfm/fa/frequencies

You might as well have closed down as allow this to happen. It seems that your reclassification or whatever was done, did nothing to protect you from this kind of interference. I cannot recall a US SW station ever using 7335 while CHU was considered a utility outlet.

You must protest this through all the official channels at the utmost! I don't know who is doing World Harvest Radio frequency management, but their general contact info including phone and fax numbers can be found at http://www.whr.org/index.cfm/fa/contactus

Please advise me if you make any progress on getting them off your frequency. Regards, Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO (April 13 via DXLD) More under U S A

** CANADA. CKFX 6080 deleted ---

http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Notices/2007/pb2007-38.htm which says in part: "Application by Rogers Broadcasting Limited (Rogers) to amend the licence of the English-language commercial radio programming undertaking CKWX Vancouver, British Columbia. The licensee proposes to delete the transmitter CKFX-SW Vancouver, British Columbia. Rogers has informed the Commission that the above-noted short wave (SW) transmitter is no longer in operation. " The calls are listed as CKFX in the public notice, though the Industry Canada database says CKFX is an FM station in North Bay, Ontario (Doug Smith W9WI Pleasant View, TN EM66, April 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CKFX Vancouver, which operated on 6080 for several decades with a mighty 10 watts, but has been silent for many years now, will soon be officially a thing of the past. The license is still valid but will soon be deleted. I have a QSL from them which I received in the mid 1980's when I was living in Edmonton AB.

http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Notices/2007/pb2007-38.htm#3 Vancouver, British Columbia Application No. 2007-0450-4 73, (Deane McIntyre VE6BPO, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The letter from Rogers to the CRTC is rather short and to the point -- and maybe a bit humourous: "we have since determined that CKFX-SW is, in fact, no longer in operation. Consequently, we would like to amend the broadcasting licence of CKWX by deleting the transmitter, CKFX-SW." Sounds like the just figured that out --- How many years has this station been off the air anyway?? The call letters CKFX were actually reissued to an FM station in North Bay, ON in 1996. This station also owned by Rogers (Greg Schatzmann, ODXA via DXLD)

** CANADA. Voces Latinas, Have you increased power?? Dear Sir, Your signal has been much stronger at night here in Columbus, Ohio for the last few days or so. Have you increased power or moved your tower site. Glenn Hauser mentioned a few months ago you were going to move your tower site on his newsletter: http://www.worldofradio.com Thanks, (Artie Bigley, March 24, to CHHA 1610, via WORLD OF RADIO 1354, DXLD)

Dear Artie, we do move the antenna; it is located 12 kilometers south of our office in the Toronto Island. With appreciation (Fr. Hernan. Astudillo, April 7, to Artie Bigley, ibid.)

CHHA-1610 Toronto ON has applied to the CRTC to increase its daytime power to 10 kW:

http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Notices/2007/pb2007-38.htm#2

Toronto, Ontario, Application No. 2007-0401-6

Application by San Lorenzo Latin American Community Centre relating to the licence of the Type B ethnic community AM radio programming undertaking CHHA Toronto, Ontario.

The licensee proposes to change the authorized contours by increasing the daytime transmitter power from 1,000 watts to 10,000 watts.

In Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2007-30, 25 January 2007, the Commission approved an application to change the authorized contours of CHHA by relocating the transmitter. The licensee had indicated that the relocation of the transmitter had been requested by Industry Canada to correct interference problems.

The licensee indicates that the proposed increase in power would restore its radio signal to areas which lost coverage following the above-noted relocation of the transmitter. 73, (via Deane McIntyre VE6BPO; Ricky Leong, DXLD)

** CANADA. Biz 1280 CFBN --- The former Pearson Airport TIS CFYZ-1280 now re-launched as CFBN all-business news format using slogans "Biz 1280" and "The sound of money". http://www.cfbnnews.com/ Will this format succeed? They couldn't do worse than some of the other abortions on the local dial such as the former MOJO-640. But they are still a high-powered TIS, covering mainly the area near YYZ and northwest Toronto and Mississauga. Their signal could be nearly useless for most of their target audience in Toronto's Bay Street financial district. In downtown Toronto on a car radio they would get hammered by WHTK-Rochester. And they wouldn't be able to penetrate the concrete and steel of an office building. 73 (Mike Brooker, Toronto, ON, April 11, IRCA via DXLD)

** CHILE. A-07 for Voz Crist,, / La Voz via SGO=Santiago:

[Note: it is now called ``A Sua Voz`` in Portuguese, and ``CVC La Voz`` in Spanish. These stealthy Christians don`t like to make that clear in their own name any more --- gh]

Portuguese to Mexico and Central America
[yet again DX Mix makes this mistake; obviously(???) for Brasil -- gh]
0000-0400 on 11745 SGO 100 kW / 060 deg
0400-1100 on 6110 SGO 100 kW / 060 deg
1100-2400 on 15410 SGO 100 kW / 060 deg
Portuguese to Brasil in DRM mode Sun-Thu
1800-2000 on 17640 SGO 015 kW / 045 deg
Spanish to Central America
0100-0400 on 11970 SGO 100 kW / 340 deg
Spanish to Northern South America
0100-0800 on 11655 SGO 100 kW / non-dir [that`s 11665! gh]
0800-1200 on 5960 SGO 100 kW / non-dir
1200-0100 on 17680 SGO 100 kW / non-dir
[I once thought I heard CVC mention this frequency as 17780 ñ- gh]

Spanish to Southern South America 2300-1300 on 6070 SGO 100 kW / 030 deg 1300-2300 on 9635 SGO 100 kW / 030 deg (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, April 10 via DXLD) Plus all the spurs (gh)

** CHINA. Re 7-044: 10300, Firedrake Jamming, 1740-, captada el 8 de Abril, se aprecia de fondo a otra emisora con locutor y locutora ablando probablemente en chino con comentarios (Josè Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), Espaòa, Sangean ATS 909, Antena Radio Master A-108, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake against Sound of Hope now on 10300, April 9 at 1330 and also at 1412, and // 9930 which jams another SOH broadcast, via KWHR, scheduled M-F 1400-1700 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

More Firedrake channels noted in A07 season here in Europe: 6105 at 2200. 7105 at 2200. 7130 at 16-17. 7160 at 2200. 7190 at 2200. 7260 at 1700. 7280 at 1700. 7445 22-24. 7470 at 2300. 7500 at 2300. 7540 at 2300. 9370 at 1600. 9555 at 1600. 9605 11-1530. 9780 at 1500. 9850 at 1900. 9905 against KHBN Palau relay 15-18. 9930 KWHR at 1500. 11665 at 09-16. 11785 at 11-15. 11805 at 12-15. 11935 at 2100. 11945 at 15-16. 11965 at 13-15. 11990 at 11-12. 12005 at 1500. 12040 at 11-15. 12120 at 1430-1530. 13610 at 07-11. 13625 at 12-17. 13670 at 03-07. 13740 at 07-10. 15130 at 03-06. 15165 at 06-07. 15205 11-13. 15250 07-11. 15270 at 01-09.

15635 at 03-07. 15680 at 03-07. 15795 at 1130-1315 against AIR. 17780 at 06-10. 17855 at 07-11. 17880 at 03-07. (Wolfgang B_sschel, BCDX April 13 via DXLD)

RE DXLD 7-044. Hi Glenn, Firedrake indeed now on 10300, heard April 3 at 1254 & 1413 & 1443, in // with 9200. Noted April 9 at 1216 & 1314, but 9200 has not been heard some days now (Ron Howard, Shanghai, China, EtÛn E5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 6115, Voice of Strait (presumed), 0845-0900, April 10, Chinese pop music till ToH, not //. From 0900-0943 noted // 7280, with Chinese programming (talking about Taiwan, indigenous chanting, etc.).

7280, Voice of Strait (presumed), 0845-0900, April 10, phone-in program, ToH begins // 6115 (Ron Howard, Shanghai, China, EtÛn E5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. /INDIA --- Today checked three Mandarin channels of AIR Delhi like 11840, 15795, and 17705 kHz, but noted only China mainland programmes co-channel in progress. 1130-1315 UT.

On 15795 noted only continues FIREDRAKE Chinese type music only, like semi-jamming of China against AIR.

On both 11840 and 17705 kHz noted a regular China COMMERCIAL FM relay service - I guess. Both with powerful strength here in Europe.

"Yes it was being jammed for several years, {like Tibetan/Nepali programms too}."(Alok [Das Gupta, India?]) (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX Apr 6 via DXLD)

** COLOMBIA. "La frecuencia 5910 est· fuera del aire hace varias semanas por problemas tÈcnicos que surgen de los cambios de voltaje que se presentan donde est·n localizados los transmisores; el transmisor para esta frecuencia constituyÛ una inversiÛn importante de \$\$, asì que se cuida mucho, ya que el otro en 6010 es "guerrero" y aguanta mas" RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ, Bogot· (via Yimber Gaviria, 10 Apr 2007, DXLD)

Interferencias y regulaciÛn en la onda corta

Ayer en la Ciudad de Cuernavaca (60 km al sur de la Cd. de MÈxico) sintonicÈ los 6010 kHz a las 0300 UT queriendo escuchar a XEOI Radio Mil onda corta. Lamentablemente lo que escuchÈ con un SINPO casi de 5 fuÈ a la emisora colombiana "La Voz de tu Conciencia".

Como muchos de Vds. saben, esto no es nuevo. Esta emisora "cristiana" ????? viene interfiriendo a XEOI desde hace m·s de cuatro aòos. Por

todos los mètodos y formas posibles hemos solicitado a quien se encarga de dicha emisora (un sujeto de nombre Rusell Martin Stendal) que en respeto a m·s de 50 aòos al aire en la frecuencia de los 6010 kHz de XEOI Radio Mil y por el derecho que asiste, cambien su frecuencia o bien reduzcan su potencia lo suficiente para no interferir a Radio Mil. Las respuestas han estado cargadas de mentiras y de promesas incumplidas. Cabe decir que Radio Mil NUNCA tuvo problema alguno con las emisoras que en el continente americano emiten en los 6010 kHz (Canad·, Chile, Brasil y Uruguay) hasta la llegada de esta emisora que dice llevar un mensaje de "paz" y "amor". No cabe duda tienen una doble moral.

Se amparan en que la autoridad colombiana les asignÛ la frecuencia, desconociendo que hay organismos internacionales, en este caso la HFCC, que regula el uso de frecuencias.

Cabrìa preguntarnos: øPor quÈ no es una obligaciûn al menos moral de las emisoras de estar inscritas en organizaciones como la HFCC? Recuerdo cuando a fines del 2005 la emisora "Radio Rep'blica" invadiû los 6010 kHz: de inmediato iniciamos contactos con esta emisora con la intervenciûn del gran amigo Jeff White y para marzo del 2006 dejaba "Radio Rep'blica" los 6010 kHz, es decir todo lo realizû "Radio Mil" y la irûnicamente llamada "Voz de tu conciencia" no "moviû un dedo". Por supuesto estos seòores "cristianos" ??? no tendrìan autoridad moral para pedir algo como solicitarle a "Radio Rep'blica" se retirara de los 6010 kHz.

La reflexiÛn serla: øDebemos pugnar para que toda emisora ingrese a los organismos reguladores de frecuencias? Yo creo que sl. Todos tendrlamos oportunidad similares y no habrla casos como los de XEOI Radio Mil que se han visto seriamente daòados por "emisoras" ???? como "La Voz de Tu Conciencia" a quienes no nos cansaremos de repetirles una m·xima de Benito Ju·rez: "Entre los hombres como entre las naciones el respeto al derecho ajeno es la paz". Saludos en espera de tener pronto un mayor respeto entre las emisoras de nuestra querida onda corta, (Juli·n Santiago Dlez de Bonilla, April 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

El colega Rafael RodrÌguez contestÛ mi pasado correo haciendome ver que no pude haber escuchado a "La Voz de Tu Conciencia" el pasado jueves 12 por la noche (viernes 13 UT) puesto que esta emisora estaba fuera del aire desde el martes. No dudo de la buena intenciÛn de Rafael; lamentablemente le mal informaron quienes dirijen a "La Voz de Tu Conciencia" - cosa que es normal en estas personas - ya que, la frecuencia que estaba fuera del aire era la de los 5910 kHz (en la cual no se escuchaba nada) y no la de 6010 kHz.

De esta forma han actuado los 'ltimos cuatro a\u00f3os estos se\u00f3ores

"cristianos"???? QuÈ lamentable es estar comentando esto y no hablar de un arreglo que sigue siendo una prioridad. El proyecto de onda corta de Radio Mil se viÛ seriamente lastimado y tengo la confianza en que pronto podamos planear una nueva etapa para Radio Mil onda corta en los 6010 kHz. Le puedo informar a Rafael que a las 0330 y 0445 se escuchaba m'sica tÌpica del campo colombiano, asimismo un programa de di·logo que conduce una persona con acento un tanto extraòo - entre colombiano y gringo - acompaòado de una mujer, Esta sì de acento colombiano. Hablaban de los cambios no solo en la cara sino en la conducta y actitud de por ejemplo una mujer a los 16 aòos y luego a los 60. Realmente no me detengo mucho a escucharlos; es una emisora que no me merece atenciÛn, no por su mensaje, sino por su hipocrecÌa. Ojal· en verdad un dÌa escuchen a su conciencia (Juli·n Santiago, DF, April 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also MEXICO

5910, Marfil Estèreo, 15 abril 2007, 0245- UT, con seòal pobre a regular, con m'sica variada e identificaciones por locutor "Marfil Estèreo", NO en paralelo a 6010. FRECUENCIA REACTIVADA. No escuchada de las 0700 ni 0800 UT del 15 abril.

6010, La Voz de Tu Conciencia, 14 abril 2007, 0205-0208 UT, buena seÒal, en espaÒol. El dÌa 15 de abril 2007 no la note despuÈs de las 0700, ni 0800 UT (Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CONGO DR [non]. SOUTH AFRICA. 11690, Radio Okapi, 0505-0559*, April 13, French & vernacular talk, "Okapi" jingles. Weak but readable (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COSTA RICA. REE relay in the mornings was supposedly scheduled on 5930, but still heard on 5965 a couple weeks ago; however, Yimber Gaviria found them on 5970 and 5930, so I checked again April 13 at 1247. Yes, typically undermodulated Spanish on 5970, not 5965, but could not make it out on 5930 amid co-channel QRM (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CROATIA [and non]. Looking thru the Glas Hrvatske program schedule for Monday April 9 at

http://www.hrt.hr/raspored/?raspored=4&mreza=20&datum=2007-04-09 which I assume is a fairly typical day, we find these foreign language segments, converted from UT +2 to UT:

English: 2215-2230, 0200-0230, 0600-0603, 1000-1003, 1600-1630, 1805-

1815

Spanish: 2230-2300, 0230-0300, 1200-1203

Italian: 1400-1430

Hungarian ('Madarskom'): 1630-1700

Frequencies not specified, but I suppose these are both on the domestic SW transmitters and the German relays if the time fits. The

2215 and 0200 broadcasts should be on 6165 direct and 9925 via Germany (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1354, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No, the domestic SW transmitters broadcast HR1 only, not Glas Hrvatske. Cf. WRTH2007, pg. 435 (Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

NO, Brian Alexander recently reported English at 2215 on 6165. Seems to me the way domestic and external GH services here interrelate has always been murky (Glenn, ibid.)

Heard today 1300-1500 UT on 6165 with news in Croat, music. From 1400 to 1415 news in Italian, studio Rijeka, 1415 from studio Zagreb, etc., Apr 6 (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, wwdxc BC-DX Apr 6 via DXLD)

These days 6165 broadcasts Glas Hrvatske; we logged Italian program some time in the last two weeks (Roberto Scaglione, Sicily, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6165, Croatian Radio-Voice of Croatia, 0600-0603, April 15, Three minute English program with IDs & English news. // 9470-via Germany. Both frequencies fair (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hadn't it been reported that Deanovec is on 6165 now throughout the night? If so it has no chance against the new Sines relay of RNW I finally remembered to check out tonight. At 0000 poor signal with some SAH (perhaps Deanovec), at 0045 recheck quite good, just 20 db or so weaker than 6075 which is aiming at me. 6165 has better modulation than the DW outlet on 6075, at least as far as one can compare this with the somewhat noisy 6165 signal (Kai Ludwig, Germany, April 9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

E-OSL CARD FROM VOICE OF CROATIA 6165//1134 kHz.

E-qsl in jpg format from Voice of Croatia for the first Radio Fiume's Transmission on short wave and program schedule summer 07 in word format in 6 dd. Report sent via email to: glas.hrvatske @ hrt.hr V/S Zlatko Kuretic Executive Director. Picture and schedule available on http://swli05639fr.blogspot.com/ 73 (Francesco Cecconi, HCDX via DXLD)

** CUBA. A rare appearance of a good signal from your bİte noir country. 15370 - 44344 carrying Radio Rebelde from 1650 onwards still audible at 1715. I wondered when hearing the Buena Vista Social Club whether it was a station with good musical taste or whether it would be an unadvertised RHC broadcast. I was delighted to hear (on the hour) that it was Radio Rebelde. Heard by me on shortwave for the first time in my life. 73's (Dan Goldfarb, Brentwood, England, April 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Altho not appearing on its own schedule, R. Rebelde continues to use 17555 // 17735 for midday broadcast, both very good April 13 at 1620 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [non]. There has been a last-minute change regarding Radio Cuba Libre, which has been Monday-Saturday 0700-0900 UT. As of today, this block has switched to 1200-1400 Monday-Saturday, plus 0300-0400 UT Tuesday-Saturday. I will have to take a look at the programs that were on from 1300-1400 on weekdays to see whether we can reschedule them elsewhere (Jeff White, WRMI, April 9, WORLD OF RADIO 1354, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

On 9955. So that takes care of WORLD OF RADIO Sat & Mon at 1330, Mundo Radial Wed 1300, and several other DX programs (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1354, DX LISTENING DIGEST) More under USA

** CUBA [non]. R. Martl never got around to updating its A-06 schedule during the entire B-06 season at http://www.martinoticias.com/frequencies.htm and now with the A-07 season it is more or less correct again; all the frequencies are again in use, but exact times and transmitter site have changed in some cases.

A-07 registrations, all Greenville except one DL as indicated. [except silent period Mon 03-09]

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5980 07-12
6030 22-12
7365 00-04
7405 03-07, 12-14
9565 17-22
9805 10-13
11775 00-03
11845 13-17
11930 14-23
13820 12-20, DL 20-24
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I looked thru all the Delano listings, and there are amazingly few; many of them wooden for V. of Greece, no longer in effect; a few VOA English, Spanish, Creole transmissions, and that's it. I assume this is indicative of the phasing out of Delano (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

During summer 2006 some anonymous source spread a rumour about a closure of the Delano station being due in February 2007. Not true, as we now know, but already back then I was indeed surprised how little transmissions had remained at Delano, although I still counted 16

frequency hours a day for Radio Martì. Now they are down to just four ones, with anything else going out via Greenville? Indeed looks like the plan is to close down Delano and keep Greenville-B. Insiders expect no great future for this site either, but I would guess that closing down *all* IBB shortwave facilities in the USA is at this point out of question due to Radio Martì (and *only* due to Radio Martì). (Kai Ludwig, Germany, April 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Or organized another way, matching?:

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R Marti via Greenville, 15330 not [yet] listed.
Greenville
 6030 7365 11775 um 0000-0300
 6030 7365 7405 at 0300-0400 Tue-Sun
 6030
      7405
                 at 0400-0700 Tue-Sun
 5980
      6030
                  at 0700-0900 Tue-Sun
 5980
      6030
                 at 0900-1000
      6030 9805 at 1000-1200
 5980
 7405 9805 13820 at 1200-1300
 7405 11845 13820 at 1300-1400
11845 11930 13820 at 1400-1700
 9565 11930 13820 at 1700-2000
9565 11930
                 at 2000-2200
6030 11930
                 at 2200-2300
6030 7365
                 at 2300-2400
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Delano 13820 at 2000-2400. (Wolfgang B schel, April 9, wwdxc BC-DX Apr 13 via DXLD)

** CZECHIA [non]. Surprised to hear R. Prague concluding English broadcast on 6000 via Sackville, April 14 at 2356, plugging a contest, apparently under Cuban open carrier as audio somewhat suppressed. At 2359 a beep, and Prague audio ceased. The semihour at 2330 on 6000 is supposed to be in Spanish per http://www.radio.cz/en/frequencies

which has also finally managed to add WRMI relays which were missing from it at the beginning of A-07. I suspect that RCI played back the wrong file, as sometimes happened during the now canceled morning relay which was at 1400 in A-06, 1500 for the rest of 2006y. BTW, another Sackville relay is shown in English at 0330 on 6080. At 0010 April 15 I also heard Prague on 11665, via Ascension, this time in correct language, Spanish, with historical feature about something going on in the XVI century.

RHC Spanish audio on 6000 did not start up until 0001, a few seconds apart from its // 6180, which BTW among 49m frequencies listed gave only 5965 where also heard, and 6000, not 6180. 5965 and 6180 were

synchronized, 6000 slightly apart causing a reverb with 6180 when monitored simultaneously, so different site or feed route (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR. HCJB Spanish, 11960, Sat April 14 at 1417 had Alen Gr·jam and a YL doing a mailbag segment, greeting listeners in MÈxico, etc. I suppose this was not Aventura Diexista, but as usual lack any accurate program schedule for this SW service (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. R. Cairo, English to NAm on 9460, April 14 at 2348, fair carrier, but just barely audible music modulation. Tried to detect Albania co-channel, now that second Shijak transmitter has reactivated, but could not hear anything but Cairo, and not // 7425 Tirana. April 15 at 0014 better modulation from Cairo with woman speaking in English, but still muffled and hard to understand. 0015 timesignal which was 13.5 seconds behind CHU, with news headlines for only a sesquiminute, and then back to music; at 0020 the music level dropped dramatically to barely audible again. 0026 closing announcement with program summary for next day starting at 1 am Cairo time, mostly incomprehensible. (timeanddate.com says DST of UT +3 in Egypt does not start until April 27, lasting until September 7, both Fridays; this does not affect UTiming of SWBCs, but must affect their program summaries in irrelevant local time.) 0028 back to music, 0030 another 13.5-second-slow timesignal, opening in Arabic with theme. Not // much weaker Arabic to LAm on 9360 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA [non]. Excerpts from http://cs.asmarino.com/?itemid=271 (a.o. indicating that V. of Meselna Delina is now produced in South Africa, cf. address at http://vodm.asmarino.com --- the responsible organisation being "Eritrean Movement For Democracy and Human Rights", EMDH).

18 MARCH --- CONTINUE VOICE OF MESELNA DELINA AND SUSPEND ASMARINO

As contractual deadlines loom their heads and force us to make unavoidable pragmatic decisions we have tried to weight all factors and put our options in perspective. It is a hard decision but one that cannot be avoided.

The financial contribution made by Eritreans and friends of Eritrea in order to salvage Asmarino and Voice of Meselna Delina has been very encouraging and extremely appreciated. But it has fallen way short of the intended target. We owe tremendous gratitude for those who made all effort to keep these two nascent institutions afloat. We hope now and in the future their material and moral support will be with us as we struggle to balance the ever-growing need for democratic media

outlet and meager resources-financial and material. A decade of experience has proven to us that needs and resources are rarely in prefect balance. Our immediate challenge, once again, underscores this experience-anchored valid observation.

As we approach the end of March 2007 we are faced with making a rational compromise. We came to the conclusion that Radio Voice of Meselna Delina must stay on the air at all cost and continue broadcasting to the people of Eritrea. All the funds contributed, if it is the wish of the contributors, can be channeled to this end. The people of Eritrea need the alternative information source. The shortwave broadcast must take precedence over the Diaspora need. We hope most of you agree with this underlining reason for the decision to continue Voice of Meselna Delina and give us your approval to deploy your contribution to this end. We can and will keep working on how to revive Asmarino in the immediate future.

For us building a free and independent media outlet is fundamentally part and parcel of the struggle to build a democratic society and culture in Eritrea. In the strategic sense the immediate crisis we are facing is an avoidable aspect of the overall growth process. No worthy institution, dedicated to the role of being the watch dog of the people, can surmount this kind of challenges without an infusion of grass-root support. Building this indispensable institution is primarily and fundamentally the duty and responsibility of the people starved for democracy. When we build it we take ownership and assure its authenticity. The pride and glory that comes with building the organs of free press will belong to us the direct victims of the authoritarian regime.

We are doing everything humanly possible to find long term solution to the challenges we are facing. We are still hopeful that in the next five to seven days you will rally around Asmarino and Voice of Meselna Delina and help save both media outlets. We hope and pray that will happen and we can continue to expand the democratic space.

We will keep you informed.

Tesfa Delina Foundation, Inc posted at 9:17:26 PM on 3/18/2007 by cs - Category: General

TEMESGHEN MEHARI wrote: ANOTHER IDEA IS FOR THE WUFUYAT (BLOGGERS) TO TAKE CHARGE OF RUNNING ASMARINO. THEY CAN FORM AN ASSOCIATION OR UNION OF WUFUYAT AND SEE TO IT THAT THEY APPEAL TO THEIR READERS AND FRIENDS AND COLLECT FUNDS TO RUN ASMARINO.COM. CONSIDERING THE FACT THAT THOSE GUYS IN SOUTH AFRICA SACRIFICE ALL THEIR TIME AND FUTURE TO RUN THE RADIO STATION, IT IS ONLY A SMALLER SACRIFICE TO RUN THE WEBSITE FOR THE WUFUYAT. A LITTLE ACTION IS WORTH MORE THAN A THOUSAND WORDS. IT

IS A CHALLENGE FORM A UNION OF XYZ AND AS A UNION DO SOMETHING BEFORE ASMARINO.COM CLOSES AND YOU BE CUT OFF FROM YOUR ADMIRERS. 3/21/2007 11:39:33 AM (via Bernd Trutenau, dxldyg)

Current schedule is: Voice of Delina in Tigrigna: 1700-1730 on 11830 ARM 100 kW / 188 deg to EaAf Mon-Fri (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, March 29, DXLD 7-041 via DXLD 7-045)

** ERITREA. 7100, Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea-Program 1, Asmara, *0354-0425+, April 12, Sign on with IS. Talk in local language at 0400. Some Horn of Africa music. Fair.

7175, Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea-Program 2, Asmara, *0354-0425+, April 12, Sign on with IS. Talk in local language at 0400. Lite instrumental music. Horn of Africa music. Poor under a presumed Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (Germany) but in the clear at 0400 when they leave the air (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA [non]. ETHIOPIA. UNID service opening April 13 at 0401 with ID & frequency announcement in some HOA language on 7165.13 and continuing to eventual 0432 carrier off. This was in parallel with 9559.71 which was drifting noticeably whereas 41 mb freq was stable. Believe ID used words like "democracy/democratic" and "Eritrea" but not really sure. Obviously this is via R Ethiopia; can anyone help? (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Probably V. of Democratic Alliance as in pages 505-506 of WRTH 2007, but had been scheduled only at 1500-1600; new morning broadcast?

7165, V of Democratic Alliance, 1500-1600 1234567 Arabic/Tigrinya/Afa 100 ND, Addis Ababa-Gedja ETH, 03838E0847 EDA (Aoki A-07 April 15 via DXLD)

- ** ETHIOPIA. 7210, Radio Fana, Addis Ababa, 0325-0345+, April 12, Horn of Africa music, talk in local language. Poor under BBC but in the clear at 0329 when BBC leaves the air. Weaker on // 6109.92 but only audible after TWR leaves the air at 0332 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- ** ETHIOPIA. 5970, Voice of Tigrey Revolution, 0356-0359, April 13, Tune-in to their distinctive IS. Weak signal and completely wiped out at 0359 by Radio Nederland-Bonaire 5975 signing on (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- ** ETHIOPIA. Voice of Tigray Revolution // frequency to 5970 appears to be 6185 heard April 13 at 0356 opening with distinctive IS under co/channel Vatican Radio in Lithuanian. So now we know what replaces 5980 and 9650 (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, April 13, DX

- ** ETHIOPIA [non]. 15260, 1645-1700*, CLANDESTINE, Tue 10-04, R Xoriyo, via Samara, Russia Somali ann, native song mentioning Xoriyo 45544. Best 73 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)
- ** EUROPE. European Free Radio Report from Mount Kisco, New York for week ending April 15, 2007 --- Continued decent long skip conditions this weekend to the USA. The highlight was hearing Extreme Radio with their QRP test at 5 watts, and later at 2 watts. WMR made it over the 3rd weekend in a row. Thanks to MRF Radio for the nice e-QSL.
- PIRATE (Europe-NL). 6306.56, MRF Radio, 2307-2310 Apr 14, Quick test; heard the Free with "Alright Now". Much splatter from the station on 6300 and 6308. (Maroti-NY)
- PIRATE (Europe). 6308.7, UNID, 2305-2308 Apr 14, Have no idea who this could be. Although I heard music, it was QRMing MRF on 6306 which I was trying to hear at the time. (Maroti-NY)
- PIRATE (Europe-NL). 6309.72, Extreme Radio, 2243-2251 Apr 14, This was a QRP test from Extreme Radio. "Owner of a Lonely Heart" was heard at tune-in when the rig was at 5 watts. A bit later they went down to 2 watts, and I was able to copy the pre-recorded ID. Two watts is the lowest power level I've ever heard on 48 meters. (Maroti-NY)
- PIRATE (Europe-NL). 6374.2, Westcoast AM, 2304-2306 Apr 14, Noted in passing, didn't stay with it as they came in better last weekend. (Maroti-NY)
- PIRATE (Europe-Scotland). 6400.04, WMR, 2108-0000 Apr 14, Tuned in and recognized Mike James' voice. Came back to this later at 2238 when I heard "Smoking in the Boys Room" and Jack Russel talking. Last checked at 2359 and heard a Neil Young song. 3rd weekend in a row that WMR was audible here (George Maroti, NY, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- ** FRANCE [and non]. RFI news in English in progress at 1610 April 13 on 17605, better than // 15605, convenient to check on the FRG-7 with MHz retuning only; these are 135 and 170 degrees respectively from Issoudun and not audible on 15160 via South Africa if really in use. I should add that the signals on 17605 and 15605 were nothing compared at same time to RFI in Spanish on 17630 via Guiana French (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- Hi Glenn, Today, April 15/07, I noted RFI at 1600 better on 15605 than 17605. Both suffer from polar flutter, while 15160 is better but has to deal with co-channel interference on both sides. By 1630 I lost

both RFI direct frequencies to noise while 15160 stayed in nicely to the end of David Page's show at 1659 UT. 73 (Mick Delmage, AB, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GABON. Afropop music jammer was on 17632.0 (not 17632.5) when checked April 12 at 1328, stronger than ANU it was hetting on 17630. I also noticed a big unmodulated carrier came on 17630 at 1336-1337. Afropop music distraxion was still on 17632.0 at 1416 recheck.

Afropop music distraxion on 17634.0, April 14 at 1425, het Africa Number One on 17630; I suppose Sawt al-Amal must have been somewhere in that area earlier until 1400* (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Afropop music distraxion was on 17612.0, much lower than usual range, Sunday April 15 at 1405 check, but VP signal here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Between 1340 and 1440 UT noted the following stations in 16 mb: 17612.00 !! odd W African music station from Gabon, S=8 (Wolfgang Bschel, Germany, April 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Also mentioned under LIBYA

- ** GERMANY [non]. Frequency change of Deutsche Welle in DRM mode from April 4: 1400-1500 NF 13660 SIN 090 kW / 035 deg to WeEu, ex 15440 (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, April 10 via DXLD)
- ** GERMANY [and non]. Btw, a certain rumour about 3995 has been circulated in the German-language A-DX mailing list. Keeping an ear on it certainly would not hurt, even if this rumour is unfounded (Kai Ludwig, Germany, April 9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- ** GUAM. [Re 6-138:] The Radio Barrigada comments on the antennas coming down as mentioned to me by people who worked there turned out to be false as the antennas are still in place and there is no sign of them coming down. 73's from (Larry, n6hpx/kh2 Fields, Guam Island, April 12, swl at qth.net via DXLD)
- ** HAWAII [and non]. Noted WWVH above WWV on 1 April 2007 from 1902 to 2000 UT on 15000 kHz. Quite an anomaly, came in here at 35444, nice signal peaking S7 dB on my R8A. Best I've ever heard here, with the female announcements preceding those of WWV, which was in the background. 73's, (Ed Insinger, NJ, April 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
- ** HONG KONG. Missed it by that much? Isn't it about time for another yacht race to Philippines and back, with accompanying SW radio weather broadcasts for the racers? The Royal HK Yacht Club website does show there was such a race on April 5-9, 2007:

http://www.rhkyc.org.hk/article.aspx?c=2&a=1060
I did not go searching further for info on broadcasts, since it`s too late now. They also had a coastal race warmup for this in March, and a race in October to Vietnam which bears further watching (Glenn Hauser, OK, April 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HUNGARY. Radio Budapest. Fin de emisiûn en espaòol ???

Adjunto mensaje recibido por hector Frias de FEDERACHI en la que comunica que el servicio en inglÈs anuncia fin de emisiÛn en italiano y espaÒol de Radio Budapest, sin embargo al menos hasta ayer 8 de Abril segulan emitiendo por Onda Corta con el programa Revista Dominical en 6025.

Atte, Hector Frias, Radioescuchas FEDERACHI-CHILE

Estimados colegas: Les escribo por lo siguiente: Hoy he recibido una postal de la secci \hat{U} n inglesa de Radio Budapest, que es la que verifica QSLs y contesta cartas. Me responden un mail que les envi \hat{E} cuando cerraron el departamento de Italiano y estaba en riesgo (una vez $m \cdot s$) el de Espa \hat{O} ol. La postal dice:

"Unfortunately, it is true that Radio Budapest will discontinue its broadcasts in Spanish and Italian".

Traduzco: "Desafortunadamente, es cierto que Radio Budapest descontinuar· sus transmisiones en espa\u00f3ol e italiano".

Las transmisiones en italiano fueron finalizadas, pero R.B. a'n anunciaba este idioma en su esquema A-07, al igual que el espaòol. Mi 'ltima escucha en espaòol fue el 11 de Marzo. Actualmente no he podido escucharle, por lo cual no sÈ si siguen emitiendo. TratarÈ de escuchar en estos dÌas.

De todos modos les pido por favor estar atentos a Radio Budapest por si la oyen en espaòol, y si no la oyen tambiÈn estar atentos. Si la han oÌdo despuÈs del 25 de marzo o no, por favor avÌsenme, al igual que les solicito avisar cûmo les va escuch·ndola estos dÌas. Desafortunadamente el departamento de Espaòol no responde ni mis mails ni los envÌos por carta que les hago con las cartas que envÌo al de InglÈs. Si alguien tiene contacto con Sergio PÈrez, les ruego consultarme (via JosÈ Miguel Romero, Spain, April 9, dxldyg via DXLD)

** ICELAND. 12115, RUV via DX Tuner Pennsylvania with abrupt sign-on Apr 6 with classical music 2257.5 to 2300, pause, then man announcer 2300.5-01.5, 20 sec of bells ringing at 2301.5, M followed by short instrumental music at 2302, then into a feature program of news with remote reports by woman commentator in Icelandic at 2302. Remarks from

PM Tony Blair about the Iranian hostage situation, an Arabic speaker and President Bush about President Assad in Syria heard during newscast. Abrupt departure at 2321.5 in mid-sentence with woman commentator. Yesterday (Apr 5) had a harmonica tune and M just before sign-off. SINPO 3v45534. Not the slightest peep here in California, even tho this is the NA service and my Wellbrook is pointed directly at Iceland (Bruce W. Churchill, CA, DXing since 1952, DXplorer Apr 7 via BCDX via DXLD)

** INDIA. AIR Bangalore at 2030 on 9425, April 9; time pips, woman with ID as "All India Radio" and news in English, mostly domestic coverage, mention of bilateral agreement between Pakistan and India and mention of China; at about 2036 man with news in Hindustani (?); SINPO 45333; 9425 regularly heard here, rare for me to get 11620 or 9950 (Eric Bryan, WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 4970, AIR-Shillong, 1623-1631*, April 10, OM DJ in English with jazz program, sign-off "This is the North Eastern Service of All India Radio broadcasting from Shillong on 60.36 meters, corresponding to 4970 kHz" plus ID in vernacular, fair (Ron Howard, Shanghai, China, EtÛn E5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL INTERNET. Kol Israel via Upsnap etc... If you remember, UpSnap (formerly Mobile Broadcast Network), allows you to listen to Kol Israel and other WRN broadcasters (recorded) via cellphone. It seems that upsnap.com has changed their business model again. They're back to free and promote their direct dial phone number (as opposed to their hiding it, in deference to their WAP access.) http://www.upsnap.com/content_list.jsp?genre=International&category_id=1025

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Also, PAL http://www.adondo.net which allows you to stream any webcaster to your telephone, will be starting a beta of their network based service next week. This will allow you to use the service, without leaving your PC on. One use of this, would be to allow you to listen to a webstream, to confirm which broadcaster that you're listening to on shortwave. (Actually, it seems that the initial beta will only be the financial version, with the Webcast version coming as the second version,) (Doni Rosenzweig, April 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. Ham Radio Promoted on Charles Simonyi Website The latest private venture space participant Charles Simonyi, KE7KDP, has dedicated part of his website http://www.charlesinspace.com/ to Ham Radio.

His "Kids' Space" page invites young people to "tune into the ham

radio revolution" and details the ham radio school link ups he'll be taking part in during his stay on the International Space Station. 73 (Trevor M5AKA, monitoringmonthly yg via DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM [non]. XM Satellite Radio has come clean and admitted that 221 of its terrestrial repeaters are or were overpowered, and 19 in sites not approved by the FCC. It's expected that several Sirius ``gap-fillers`` are similarly illegal (April FMedia! via DXLD) Why wouldn't that be grounds for license revocation? (gh, DXLD)

** IRELAND NORTHERN. CHURCH RADIO IN NORTHERN IRELAND DEREGULATED Radiowaves 26 March 2007 http://www.radiowaves.fm/newsart/070326comm.html

Churches and small community broadcasters are now able to broadcast their services in Northern Ireland without a licence from the end of March.

This follows a successful three year trial across the province using a radio system known as CADS (Community Audio Distribution Systems) which uses the same channels and equipment as Citizens' Band (CB) radio.

Ofcom has deregulated the system, lifting the restrictions on the church-only broadcasts to this point. Commercials, however, will not be allowed (via Mike Terry, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

As a CB licence holder for some years I've noticed the decline in the hobby (sport?) so it was no surprise when the fee of £15 yearly was abandoned, rather as the 7/6d dog licence, the only regular use it seems 'round here being by truckers from one certain company and some use by agricultural vehicle drivers ('we plough the fields and splatter') - however the case of Northern Ireland may be different. One wonders if the Catholics use the even number channels whilst the Protestants the odd ones!

Of course CB is not defined as 'broadcasting' being a person to person mode , however this CADS I assume would be and therefore on-topic for BDXC . Is the CADS system encoded, does this use of the CB band with the approval of Ofcom for non-CB use not break any international agreements or conventions?

More especially will it prevent those who legally and responsibly use the CB FM band continuing (or beginning) to use this band for its original CB 27/81 purpose ? (Rog Parsons (BDXC 782) Hinckley, Leics. Lat: 52:32:04N (52.5344), Long: 1:24:27W (-1.4074), ibid.)

CADS are not just for church broadcasts; the official definition is:

CADS are Community Audio Distribution Services. These are usually community based services that use standard CB Equipment operating at low power levels.

Groups using CADS may transmit live community events, such as religious services or council meetings, using Citizens' Band (CB) Radio equipment. They may not carry commercial messages of any kind, are for intermittent use and only available to broadcast to the public in a geographically local area. Plenty of scope though to put on stations as I would think the phrase community event could include all sorts of things. Further information as to licencing and equipment: http://www.ofcom.org.uk/media/mofaq/rcomms/cads_faq/ (Mike Barraclough, ibid.)

One point that seems to have been lost here is the CB licence as it stands does not allow certain transmission content and whilst I doubt if members at a council meeting would burst into song, church services have hymns sung usually to organ music so this would have to be clearly provided for. Therefore a definite revision in the Licence Terms Provisions and Regulations is required and page 7 item 4b (iii) [this licence does not permit] 'The transmission of music in any form' must, to cover the use of CADS be completely excised. I sincerely hope Ofcom are not waiting for a test case before amending the regulations which in all fairness would establish the right of any licensed CB user to exhibit his talent with comb and paper or electric spoons, freely (Rog Parsons (BDXC 782) Hinckley, Leics. Lat:52:32:04N (52.5344) Long:1:24:27W (-1.4074), ibid.)

Thanks for an amusing posting Rog, but raising a fair point I'd wondered about too, especially as I'd love to broadcast some of my church's activities by CB radio. I hope though that Ofcom have got better things to do with their time than hounding any musical offenders against the regulations- though they never seemed to bother with young "breakers" who did in my brief period of using CB in the early eighties (Mark Savage, Moderator, BDXC 68T, TW14 0EG UK, ibid.)

** ISRAEL. Israel Radio, good signal on 15760, Saturday April 14 at 1545 with timesignal about one second slow (but who cares on the quarter hour?), and opening show in ``Judeo-EspaÒol`` as they called it rather than Ladino; just a few nice songs with brief announcements, already over at 1555 and back to interval signal. Did not remember the other frequencies so did not check them, but later found in DXLD 7-040: ``1545-1555 11605 15640 15760 Ladino daily``. This transmission is missing from the ``A-07`` Kol Israel schedule at http://www.bclnews.it/a07schedules/kol.htm altho it does show just Music at 1530-1545 on same frequencies.

Finding a SW schedule, much less one in English, is a frustrating challenge using the Media Network hitlist link labeled ``Kol Israel Shortwave Programme Schedule`` at http://www.iba.org.il/reception (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ITALY [non]. Dear listeners, I am sending you below an update on our operational ANTA07 schedule for IRRS-Shortwave effective April 13, 2007 (Summer 2007):

IRRS-Shortwave A07 250307 281007 SUMMER 2007 Effective April 13, 2007

WKDAY	FREQ	UTC START	UTC STOP	TARGET	ITU zones	kW
Fri	7285	16.00	18.30	EU	18-19, 27-30,	37-39 150
Sun	9510	09.30	12.00	EU	18-19, 27-30,	37-39 150
Sun	15750	13.00	13.30	FEast	30-31,40-43	150
Sun	6125	14.00	15.00	EU	18-19, 27-30,	37-39 150
Sun	7285	16.00	19.00	EU	18-19, 27-30,	37-39 150

All times, target zones and power (150 kW) will remain the same for each program. For more information you may also check our schedules online at: http://www.nexus.org/NEXUS-IBA/Schedules and: http://www.egradio.org

(check here also for links to our Internet streaming channels featuring your programs)

As usual we appreciate receiving reception reports for these new frequencies at: reports (at) nexus (dot) org

These frequency changes are part of the regular seasonal changes that occur every 6 months on Shortwave (in April and October), and affect most broadcasters on the bands. Changes are made in order to compensate for the changing propagation conditions between summer and winter (i.e. longer day-light hours in summer), and to reduce interferences with other stations. Although we were able to keep the same frequencies for a number of seasons in the past, we are now forced to make these changes to assure the best reception quality in the target areas.

It is possible that we will have to make additional adjustments to compensate last minute changes made by other broadcasters, that in turn may affect our own changes. If so we will notify you promptly or check the web pages above for last minute updates. Thank You. 73s, (Ron Norton, NEXUS-Int'l Broadcasting Association, April 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

On the contrary, it looks as if the authority in control of this top-secret transmitter site, believe to be BULGARIA, was told to get your ass in-band, or else. 9510 replaces 9310, 6125 and 7285 ex-5775. It is unbelievable that IRRS would voluntarily invade the bands where they are bound to face greater interference. This was especially ill-timed with EMR's wide publicity a day or two before about its upcoming broadcasts (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ITALY [non]. EMR 31st Birthday - 9510 & 9290 khz

April 15th via IRRS on 9510 kHz - NEW channel !!

EMR - 1130 to 1200 utc

Paul Graham programme - part 1

Good Listening 73s (Tom Taylor, April 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello Radio friend! Here is my log of EMR 31st Birthday program 9510 kHz 1130 - 1200 April 15, 2007 European Music Radio. via IRRS Nexus Milan - I heard a special program "EMR 31st Birthday. Full ID followed by pop music of Radio Carolina SINPO 33434 I have attached an audio clip of 2'03" in WMA format http://web.tiscali.it/ondecorte/emr.html (Nino Marabello -- 73 from Treviso, Italy, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sounded like they announced frequency as 9325! And that those few seconds were edited in later. An earlier planned but unfulfilled QSY? Rumbling lofi audio, as heard, or WMA artifact? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

EMR programme repeats next weekend !! (Tom Taylor, April 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN. DX EXPRESS CUT FROM WORLD INTERACTIVE --- Mr. Ohtake, I thought I had heard, on the March 24-25 airing of the World Interactive show on Radio Japan, that the DX feature would be retained as a part of the show, even if it would be aired only once a month (that was my thinking as to how often it would be aired in the shorter format). Now we the listener must politely ask RJ to reconsider, and bring back your interesting interviews and features on shortwave listening. We'll see what happens next; otherwise I understand the situation with shortening the mailbag feature, to make room for more interesting programs on the weekends (Joe Hanlon, NJ, USA, April 7, via DXLD)

Dear Joe, Thanks for your information. I did not realize the RJ's announcement. The shortening of the program duration (50 min to 20 min.) and unfavourable comment by one of the managements of NHK is dropping

my appearance. Management comment was DXers were a kind of QSL hunters and no program should be offered to this kind of people. His definiton of DX is very limited terminology and I tried to offer topics to

appeal to general SW listeners in my program and reaction have been pretty good.

So working staff is very favourable and trying to resume my program with more emphasis on interaction with Radio Japan listeners. What you heard is the sign of the working people's efforts. Did you hear World Interactive program of the recent 20 minute version? If so, do you have any comment? Your commments and suggestions are appreciated. Best regards, (Toshi Ohtake, April 10, via Joe Hanlon, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KAZAKHSTAN. Voice of Orthodox[y?] in Russian as usually reported Tuesdays and Fridays 1530-1600 on 9355 kHz (Apr 3rd). (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, April 3, wwdxc BC-DX Apr 13 via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH. Acabo de escuchar el servicio en espa
Ol de La Voz de Corea, anuncian el siguiente esquema: Voz de Corea A-07 Espa
Ol 1900-1955 7570 y 12015; 2200-2255 7570 y 12015 (Jos
E Miguel Romero, Spain, April 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Incomplete: they have two more Spanish broadcasts later for Latin America (gh, DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 9485, Shiokaze Two via Taiwan, *1300-1330, April 10 (Tue.), in English, gives schedule i10:00 to 10:30 PM Japanese Time on 9.485 and 5:30 to 6:00 AM JTî and incorrectly gives 9.785 (should be 6045), portion of mailing address: iTokyo Central Station, P.O. Box 1022î, OM reads names of abductees by age, indicating their ibirth yearî, starts with 1914, 1917, 1918, 1922 through to 1984, mostly fair, no jamming noted, BoH start of assume Radio Free Chosun with orchestra music (Ron Howard, Shanghai, China, EtÛn E5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN [non]. V. of Mesopotamia, 11530 via Moldova, was listenable here April 12 at 1350-1412+ with some exotic music, and flutter. I settle for this when I can't get Solh on 17700 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KUWAIT. Re 7-043: Title: N -- Install and Commission Harris DX-600 Transmitter

Agency: Broadcasting Board of Governors

Type: Modification

Class: Installation of equipment (N) NAICS: Engineering Services (541330)

Posted: 04/02/2007 Due: 04/17/2007

URL: Link to FedBizOpps document.

Description: The Broadcasting Board of Governors/International Broadcasting Bureau's (BBG/IBB) Office of Contracts (M/CON) intends to negotiate and award a non-competitive contract to Harris Corporation,

Broadcast Communications Division, 4393 Digital Way, Mason, OH 45040 to re-commission and change the frequency of the Harris DX600 transmitter that IBB relocated from Rhodes, Greece to Kuwait. This is a sole source procurement in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), FAR Subpart 6.302-1(a)(1) under the authority of 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(1), other than full and open competition, only one (1) responsible source and no other sources or services will satisfy Agency requirements.

Harris Corporation is the only firm with propriety information and technical knowledge needed to retune the transmitter from 1260 kHz to 1386 kHz: make software and hardware upgrades to ensure the current OEM specifications are satisfied; oversee and assist with the installation and re-commissioning of the DX-600 for use in Kuwait; provide repair and spare parts; furnish operating and maintenance manuals, and provide training on the operation and maintenance of the DX-600. Harris Corporation originally delivered and installed the same transmitter in Rhodes, Greece in 1995, and also provided three essentially identical (two were larger) transmitters at other IBB site.

This Public Notice of Intent to non-competitively procure the above described engineering services from Harris Corporation is NOT a request for competitive price quotations or proposals. Interested firms must submit adequate documentation of their capability to respond to this requirement in writing within fifteen (15) calendar days after the posting date of this notice. All documentation submitted shall be sufficient in depth and detail to allow for an evaluation without the need for added information. The Government will not accept oral or incomplete submissions. A final determination by the Government not to compete this proposed procurement will be based upon the response to this Public Notice, and is solely within the discretion of the Government. All inquiries concerning this matter shall be submitted in writing to Contracts Office Point of Contact, Berel Dorfman, who can be reached via E-mail at Bdorfman @ IBB.Gov This public notice is not an RFP, RFQ or IFB. http://www.trecc.org (via Steve Whitt, MWC via DXLD)

** LATVIA. Wanted to say hello and let you know that I picked up Radio Waves International on 7 April 2007. Carrier signal on at 2200 UT, then sign on at 2300 on 9290 kHz. Program of C&W music and ID's as "World Communication Service, special broadcast of Easter." Mentioned postal address and special QSL for reception reports as mentioned in DXLD 7-039. SINPO 35333, more flutter by 2320, but listenable (Ed Insinger, NJ, April 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Strange to run the carrier a full hour previous (gh, DXLD)

** LATVIA. April 15th via Latvia on 9290 khz [see also ITALY [non]]

EMR - 1500 to 1700 utc

Tom Taylor programme - 1500 to 1530 utc
Paul Graham - part 2 - 1530 to 1600 utc
Mike Taylor mail box - 1600 to 1700 utc

Good Listening 73s (Tom Taylor, April 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA [non]. 8 Abril --- Desde las 1130 se aprecia que la emisora afro-pop est· emitiendo en 17660; curiosamente con temas musicales en Swahili escuchadas anteriormente en Radio Tanzania Zanzibar. A las 1200 Sawt al-Amal comienza a emitir en 17667.5, tremenda seòal, SINPO 45544. A las 1311 se observa que Sawt al-Amal est· emitiendo en 17665, la emisora afro-pop en 17660. En otro chequeo a las 1347 se observa a Sawt al-Amal en 17663, la emisora afro-pop continua en 17660.

9 Abril: Puntualmente a las 1130 inicia transmisiÛn musical en 17660 emisora sin identificaciÛn. A las 1301 inicia emisiÛn Sawt al-Amal en 17637.5. Un Chequeo a las 1255 se observa a Sawt al-Amal en 17642.5. (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), Espaòa, Sangean ATS 909, Antena Radio Master A-108, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA [non?]. Hoy 9 de Abril he chequeado las frecuencias de LJBC Voice of ¡frica vla Sabrata (Libia), apreci·ndose inactivas.

Chequeos anteriores a diferentes horas se observa que no hay transmisiÛn de Èsta emisora en estos horarios y estas frecuencias, øEmisora inactiva o esquema incorrecto?. El esquema est· publicado en el AOKI Frecuency Schedules A-07. 73 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Spain, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[From a long list, including this one:] 17725 Voice of Africa 1200-1600 1234567 Various 500 140 Issoudun F Actually those entries are labeled B-06, lacking anything later, but they were already out of use then (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

Como ya discutimos, parece no transmitir m·s via Francia, pero hoy alrededor de las 14 hay algo en 17725, bastante dÈbil, que me parece ser el servicio habitual en inglÈs, ahora en directo desde Libya. 73, (Glenn, ibid.)

Cuando son las 1451 no capto nada en 17725, aunque se anuncia de 1200 a 1600 UT, tampoco en AM en 1251 kHz, aunque quiz·s sea muy pronto para Èsta banda; hace unos dÌa tambiÈn lo intentÈ en AM sin resultado. Sin embargo, Argel, T`nez y Marruecos entraban muy bien.

Saludos Glenn, por lo que se ve tampoco vla Sabrata, Libia. En periodo B-06 entraba muy bien por Valencia. Un saludo, atentamente (Josè Miguel Romero, ibid.)

** LIBYA [non]. Respecto a la misteriosa transmisiÛn musical en 17660 me llama mucho la atenciÛn lo publicado en el AOKI Frequency Schedules A-07: 17665 Voice of Africa 1130-1530 1234567 Music Issoudun

Hoy 9 de Abril con una rigurosa puntualidad comienza la transmisiÛn musical en 17660 a las 1130; por otra parte no se aprecia transmisiÛn alguna en 17665. 73 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Spain, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I think this list includes a fair amount of assumed or unverified info, useful, but not to be taken as the ultimate authority (gh, DXLD)

Sawt al-Amal, 10 y 12 Abril.

10 Abril: Un chequeo a las 1230: se observa que en 17660 est· emitiendo la emisora musical y Sawt al-Amal en 17632.5; posteriormente a las 1258 Sawt al-Amal se moviÛ a 17635. A las 1305 cambia a 17642.5.

12 Abril: Se aprecia a las 1230 que Sawt al-Amal est· emitiendo en 17632.5, sufre fuerte zumbido probablemente provocado por alguna colisiûn; la emisora afro-pop no est· emitiendo en 17660, paso a 17635 y se escucha de fondo una emisora musical sin identificar. No puedo determinar quÈ emisora es ni tampoco en quÈ frecuencia est· emitiendo, al pasar a 17630 intuyo que se trata de la emisora afro-pop.

A las 1303 observo que Sawt al-Amal est· emitiendo en 17637.5 y la emisora afro-pop en 17632; ahora se escucha perfectamente. 73 (Josè Miguel Romero, Spain, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA. (via France?), 17600, Voice of Africa, 1408-1430+ April 13, New Frequency with English talk about African Union. Talk about local geography. IDs. No // found. Poor with splatter from 17595. Barely audible by 1430. (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA. LBJ noted on new frequencies:

1200-1600 17600 + unknown

1600-1800 15660, 11835

1800-2000 11835, 9590

(Olle Alm, Sweden, April 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Olle, What's new? So, your guess is, that TDF frequency manager transferred the ISS registrations to new two Libyan transmitters?? I don't believe that. The frequencies given above have been registered even on the Feb 20th database table already.

LBJ, new frequencies in A-07: [all entries end: F LBJ TDF]

7320 2200 2400 37,38,46,47,48N ISS 500 180 250307 281007 Arabic

9590 1900 2200 37,38,46,47,48N ISS 500 180 250307 281007 Arabic 11615 1700 1900 37,38,46,47,48N 500 180 250307 281007 Arabic ISS 11835 1800 2000 37E,38W,46E,47,52ISS 500 162 250307 281007 Various 11835 1800 2000 37,46 ISS 500 185 020907 281007 Various 15660 1600 1800 37W,46 ISS 500 204 250307 281007 French+Hau 15660 1800 2000 37,46 ISS 500 185 250307 020907 Various 17600 1200 1600 37E,38W,47,52,53EISS 500 153 250307 281007 Swah+Engli 17695 1600 1800 37,46 ISS 500 185 250307 281007 French+Hau 17725 1200 1600 38E,47E,48,53 ISS 500 140 060507 020907 Various 17870 1600 1800 37E,38W,47,52,53EISS 500 153 250307 281007 French+Hau 21695 1200 1600 38E,47E,48,53 500 140 250307 060507 Various ISS 21695 1200 1600 38E,47E,48,53 ISS 500 140 020907 281007 Various 73 wolfie (Wolfgang B schel, Germany, ibid.)

The new frequencies 9590, 11835, 17600 have been registered (as ISS) earlier, but they have only recently been activated (from Libya). As you know, Libya did not shift to summer frequencies immediately on 25 March, so what's new is that they have now done the switch and selected some new frequencies of the ISS registrations for their local transmitters. 73 (Olle Alm, Sweden, ibid.)

** LIBYA. (via France?) 17870 & 21695, Voice of Africa, 1547-1559*, April 14, Now heard on these two frequencies in English with talk about religion, local pop music, IDs, news. Both frequencies poor to fair. Nothing heard today on 17600 at various checks after 1400 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA [non?]. V. of Africa on new 17870 in English, April 14 at 1422, usual poor and fading signal, undermodulated. On peaks I could tell they were giving a schedule but could not get details. 1423 ID by YL, ``Voice of Africa, from the Great Jamahiriyah``. Hearing this was possible only because TDF Guiana French DRM on 17870-17875-17880, tho supposedly daily, is off the air on weekends. Nevertheless, Libya was blown away at 1430-1445 by BBC in Burmese on 17870, Rampisham 500 kW, 76 degrees, but that quarter-hour airs only on Saturdays, an extension of the daily 1345 half-sesquihour broadcast which however is apparently only on other frequencies. VOA in the clear again at 1447 recheck, still weak; 1542 recheck, YL talking about Holy Qur`an.

Nothing heard on former Libyan frequency 17725, nor on 17600 which was recently reported. Did not check 13m here, but Brian Alexander in PA was also hearing VOA English today on 17870 and 21695 until 1559*. But where will they be tomorrow? If VOA knows what's good for them, they will vacate 17870 pronto with its QRDRM 5 days a week. Olle Alm in Sweden is convinced these Libyan broadcasts are now direct from Libya, while Wolfgang B schel in Germany is equally convinced they are still relayed from TDF Issoudun France, as per registrations (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello Olle and All, Re the new Libyan frequencies: I did hear 17600 on Saturday (14/04) at good strength at around 1330+. But then it disappeared later. Today the 15th I notice this [Brian Alexander's report] so I guess this is what happened to LBJ. I should have more time today to make a further check - and for the possible use of 21695 from 1200. 17870 is yet another ISS-TDF registered frequency. But the strength of the signal I heard on 17600 still doesn't "make" me think it was coming via ISS. It surely has to be one of the new Libyan senders. 73 from (Noel Green, England, ibid.)

Noel, I also heard 17600 briefly with the typical non-TDF modulation on 17600 and ID some time during Saturday 14/4 afternoon. At other times I heard nothing, and did not note 17870 either. 21695 has been dead here for several days (poor propagation). From 1602 LBJ was operating according to the new schedule with stable signals and typical soft modulation. 73 (Olle Alm, Sweden, ibid.)

LBJ did indeed switch to 17870 after 1400. English audio from 1407. Still there at 1550 April 15 (Olle Alm, Sweden, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello Olle and All, V. of Africa is on air (April 15) via 17870 in English at tune in 1410. The signal is fairly steady at 10 dB over 9. I can hear 21695 same time at threshold level // 17870. Modulation is quite good, although an echo-chamber effect could be enhancing it. Unless sporadic E is effective currently then 17870 cannot be ISS. I don't hear any other short skip to suggest that it is. Solh 17700 via RMP is hardly moving the needle. The signal on 17600 - assuming it was Libya - was very poor before 1400. ANO 17630 is peaking to 9 at best - dropping below - and the Afro-pops on 17612 is peaking to 20dB over 9. 73 from (Noel Green, ibid.)

I had good reception with clear ID for a while on 17600 around 1245 today, so no mistake about the identity. Like Noel I noted no short skip signals. The Afropop jammer was first on 17622 and later on very unusual 17612. I wonder if the jamming via ISS has been dropped? Reception of LBJ on 17870 from 1407 was fair (Olle Alm, ibid.)

On 17600 = NIL, noted only a tiny carrier S=0 as usual at my place. Issoudun is just outside of the groundwave area, due of 550 kms distance to my place.

On 17695 and 17870 = NIL LBJ 15560 noted in French via Issoudun at 204 degrees 1600-1700 UT, dull S=4-5 signal, like from watering can (Wolfgang B_schel, ibid.)

On 17600 = NIL, noted only a tiny carrier S=0 as usual at my place. Issoudun is just outside of the groundwave area, due of 550 kms

distance to my place (B_sschel, 1526 UT April 15, ibid.)

Noted in French at 1730 UT on 15660 (strong) and 11835 kHz (Jean-Michel Aubier, France, ibid.)

What is actually your location, especially relative to Issoudun?

Quite strong signal on 15660 here (eastern Germany) as well. Wildly varying audio levels, indicating not only unprofessional studio operations but also that apparently no audio processing is in use at the transmitter site.

At 1758 recheck 15660 was off, LJB programming continued on 11835 only. After 1800 also no signal on 11615 either (Kai Ludwig, Germany, ibid.)

Near Bourges (35 km from Issoudun). I usually receive Issoudun frequencies with a good signal (Jean-Michel Aubier, ibid.) groundwave

** LIBYA. (via France?), 17870, 21695, Voice of Africa, 1406-1557* April 15, 1406 opening English announcements, program about human rights. 1437 News. Local music. Heard on these two frequencies two days in a row! Both frequencies with fair to good reception (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LITHUANIA. "The Mighty KBC" 6255 via Sitkunai, full data postal QSL card in 3 weeks for a report send to the e-mail address announced on the air: info @ k-po.com The card also notes the web site: http://www.k-po.com and postal address: Argonstraat 6 6718 WT Ede Holland My first Lithuania QSL, though I received three QSLs from Radio Vilnius in the 1980's that were most likely from transmitters located elsewhere in the USSR. The only European countries not yet QSLed by me will most likely be pirates from Wales or Scotland (Jim Renfrew, Holley NY, April 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LITHUANIA. A test transmission of "Laser Radio" will be carried at 1130-1430 on Sunday, 22 April via Sitkunai 9710 (100 kW) with the 279 degrees antenna. Laser Radio is the label for a "new" relay service project by Andrew Yates. Some years ago his productions/relays were carried by the Ulbroka relay service in Latvia under the label "Laser Radio" and "Euronet Radio". The refurbished project website is: http://www.laserradio.net

Information about Laser/Euronet Radio transmissions & activities in earlier years can be found in the Internet Archive Mayback Machine: http://web.archive.org/web/*/http://www.laserradio.net and http://web.archive.org/web/*/http://www.euronetradio.com (Bernd Trutenau, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. 7295, Traxx FM (RTM), 1409-1519, April 13, in English, sports news followed by DJ Navsta with his "Rock It" program (scheduled for Fridays, from 1415-1700 UT), plays classic rock & metal and hard rock (played Bob Dylan's song "Like a Rolling Stone", song "Old Man", Rolling Stones with "Time Is On My Side", etc.), promo for music event in Kuala Lumpur on April 19, presented by FYI Entertainment, doors open at 5:30, ToH 2 pips, "Assalamu 'Alaikum" greeting, "The news at 11", fair. DJ Navsta has a blog -- http://rockitnavsta.blogspot.com/ -- (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MAURITANIA. STATE RADIO AVAILABLE LIVE ON THE WEB

Mauritania's only indigenous radio broadcaster, state-owned Radio Mauritania, is now available on a live audio stream from their website at http://www.radiomauritanie.com

Radio Mauritania's main service broadcasts in Arabic, French and local languages at 0630-0100 gmt (equivalent to local time) from studios in Nouakchott, the capital. It can be heard on shortwave 4845/7245 kHz, mediumwave 783 kHz, and on various frequencies on FM throughout the country. The website also lists 98.0 MHz FM as a frequency for "Youth Radio", presumably only available in Nouakchott.

Radio Mauritania and its associated television service, TV Mauritania --- streamed live at http://www.tvm.mr --- are also carried on the following satellites:

Arab 2B at 30.5 degrees east, right-hand polarization, symbol rate 8150, FEC 3/4.

Badr 3 at 26.0 degrees east, horizontal polarization, 11727 MHz, symbol rate 27500, FEC 3/4.

The only other radio stations believed to be on air terrestrially in Mauritania are FM relays of French international broadcaster RFI (in Nouakchott) and BBC World Service (in Nouakchott and second city Nouadhibou). Radio Mauritania is owned and operated by state-owned corporation ORTM (Office de Radiodiffusion-Television Mauritanienne). Source: BBC Monitoring research 13 Apr 07 (via DXLD)

** MEXICO. Hi Glenn, Just a quick note to tell you that I received a very nice logo QSL card from Radio UNAM today along with a wonderful CD of indigenous Mexican music collected by Ra'l Hellmer about 30 years ago. Thanks for all your help in letting us know about this reactivation on SW. I'll be sending v/s TeÛfilo Huerta Moreno at Radio UNAM a thank you letter tomorrow as well. I'm hoping my recent report to XERTA is verified sometime soon too. 73s, (Jim Pogue, Memphis, TN, April 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9600 - Radio UNAM sent a very nice f/d Certificado de Sintonia QSL for an EG-SP report and CD recording. Also enclosed was a hard cover SP day planner for 2007, the 70th anniversary of the station. Each page has a picture of an "old-time" radio, mostly AM but a few SW ones as well. A few pages have articles. Very impressive. V/s was Teofilo Huerta Moreno, Departamento de PlaneaciÛn. Unfortunately, don't remember the time frame but did report in DXP earlier that they sent an e-mail in early March promising a QSL. The envelope weighed 880 grams (about 2 lbs) and the postage was 197.00, so I think that's pesos and comes to roughly \$18. Can that be? (John Sgrulletta, NY, DXplorer Apr 12 via BCDX via DXLD) Yes, that's approx. 18.8 US\$ (Wolfgang B schel, Germany, ibid.)

R. Mil vs Conciencia: see COLOMBIA [and non]

** MEXICO. Although Glenn Hauser received XEZ-2 QuerÈtaro, QuerÈtaro a few years ago, I logged the station last night for the first time. Supered text ID was upper right at about 2018 CT [= 0118 UT]. The XEZ-2 that I generally receive IDs as San Miguel de Allende GTO. Jeff Kadet and Christopher S. Dunne have logged an XEZ on channel 3.

Other IDs from XHG-4 Guadalajara ("GDL"), XHFM-2 Veracruz (logo), XHGV-4 Las Lajas VER (new logo with "RTV" on red background), and XEWO-2 Guadalajara (text upper left, 2200 and 2230).

Changes at XHI-2 Cd ObregÛn SON and XHI-3 Culiac·n SIN and its relayer XHQ-2 Guamuchil SIN have made the two channel 2 stations difficult to ID. Rather than running separate programs with their own logos, these stations are now simulcasting at times and putting the Grupo Pacifico logo upper right. MUF was channel 5 at times (Danny Oglethorpe, Shreveport, LA, April 9, WTFDA via DXLD)

** MEXICO [and non]. /nica QSL recibida tras mi periplo estival por el NORTE DE M...XICO en donde asistÌ al 12 encuentro DX de aquel paÌs. Lamentablemente, del centenar de informes sûlo esta QSL llegÛ y uno de ellos fue devuelto porque la emisora habÌa cambiado de direcciÛn en la ciudad costera de Mazatl·n [un SALOU o bien un LLORET DE MAR]. Triste resultado para el centenar de cartas, postales y otros recuerdos enviados a las emisoras de Chihuahua, Sinaloa, Sonora, Guadalajara, Monterrey, DF y dem·s.

Pero las norteamericanas de onda media a'n fueron peor: NI UNA SOLA HA CONTESTADO, ni las evangèlicas que suelen ser buenas contestando atendieron en esta ocasiûn el correo. Asì que esta QSL es altamente apreciada pues es, como suele decirse, una aguja en un pajar. Cordiales 73s. (JUAN FRANCO CRESPO, STAMP JOURNALIST, E-43800 VALLS-TARRAGONA, ESPA—A, Noticias DX via DXLD)

He's very disappointed that he only got one QSL out of a hundred reception reports he sent to Mexican and US stations during his visit to northern Mexico last year for the Mexican DX Meeting. Just this one ---- which one? No clue; I guess he tried to attach an image of it. Could be that stations were less interested in QSLing a traveller than reports, possibly phony, direct from Europe. Or, if he sent the reports after he got back to Spain, they may have not paid attention to where he actually heard them and assumed they were phony (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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